

CITY *Visions*

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Medical Services Foundation Established

In a series of recent steps, the City Council and City staff have completed the groundwork for establishing the Morgan Hill Community Health Foundation. The Foundation, a direct recommendation by the City's Blue Ribbon Medical Services Task Force, will be responsible for working on restoring medical services to the Morgan Hill Community.

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Morgan Hill Home Improvement Loan Program Can Help Residents

Is your home or rental property in disrepair? Does it need a new roof, plumbing, kitchen, bathroom, garage door, painting, landscaping, or other costly repairs? If so, the Redevelopment Agency's Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program may be able to help.

This program is designed to help Morgan Hill property owners improve their property. Loans of up to \$40,000 for single-family homes or \$65,000 for apartment buildings are available for applicants meeting income limitations. Interest rates vary from 3.75% to 7% depending upon the income level of the applicant or occupants of the property.

To learn more, contact Steve Pendleton at the Business Assistance and Housing Services Department at 776-7373 or at bahs@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov. ☎

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The Morgan Hill Police Department will be increasing enforcement of the State's tobacco laws with the help of a grant through the Santa Clara County Department of Health. These enforcement actions are intended to curb smoking where it is prohibited, such as restaurants and bars, and to reduce the incident of smoking by minors.

In this program, officers will inspect local bars and restaurants seeking out violations and will setup sting operations throughout the year targeting merchants that sell tobacco products to minors. Depending on the violators prior history, fines can be as high as \$500 plus court costs.

Penal Code Section 308(b) governs the use and control of tobacco products by minors. Minors (under 18 years of age) are prohibited from possessing or using tobacco products. Minors found in possession of tobacco products receive a citation and may be referred to Juvenile Probation.

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Minors can, however, opt to take advantage of the Smokeless Saturday Diversion program in lieu of prosecution. Smokeless Saturday, a program sponsored by the American Lung Association, is aimed at minors cited for violating Penal Code section 308b. Once the citation reaches the Juvenile Probation officer, the offender is given one of the following three choices:

1. pay a \$30 fee to attend the diversion program;
2. commit to 30 hours of community service; or
3. pay the full amount of the fine, which can exceed \$200 with court costs.

Most offenders elect the diversion program.

The program itself consists of approximately a five hour lecture on the ill effects of tobacco use. Classes are held three Saturdays a month at the San Jose office of the American Lung Association, one Saturday at another location within San Jose, and one Saturday in San Benito County. The Smokeless Saturday programs are a hard hitting lesson for youth about the impact smoking will have on their health and the health of those close to them.

Requirements upon completion for Smokeless Saturday are as follows:

1. payment of program fee (currently \$30);
2. one parent or legal guardian in attendance (for 1 1/2 hours, separate from the offender);
3. appropriate behavior and participation; and
4. being on time.

Successful completion of the program will result in the matter being closed. Those not completing the above requirements will be referred back to their probation officer.

Through these actions, it is hoped that fewer youth will start to smoke and that adult smokers will do so with consideration of others. For further information contact Officer Mike Nelsen at 776-7300. ☞

Article by Sgt. Rick Rodriguez, 779-2101

On March 21, the City Council appointed the following seven individuals to serve on the Organizing Board for the Foundation:

BOARDMEMBER NAME	CATEGORY OF EXPERTISE
BILL BROWN ATTORNEY, CPA, FORMER MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL	LEGAL EXPERIENCE
ROBERT CEGLIO VICE PRESIDENT AND AREA MANAGER, WELLS FARGO BANK	CORPORATE FINANCE
GLENDA GARCIA OWNER, GLENROCK BUILDERS INC.	FUND RAISING
BERNIE MULLIGAN CHAIR, BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE	COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
DR. GUADALUPE OLIVAS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY	COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
YVONNE RICHARDSON GENERAL MANAGER, ABBOTT LABS	CORPORATE MANAGEMENT
DR. JUDE ROUSSE CHIEF OF STAFF, SAINT LOUISE REGIONAL HOSPITAL	MEDICAL

In addition to these seven community members, Mayor Kennedy and Mayor Pro Tem Sellers will serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the Board. Joe Mueller and Councilmember Chang will serve as alternate members of the Board.

During the next several months, the organizing board will undertake many important tasks including:

- HIRING AN INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- INITIATING A FUNDRAISING FEASIBILITY STUDY
- ESTABLISHING A FORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL PRESENCE
- BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
- APPOINTING A PERMANENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

While the City has provided the Foundation with start-up funding, the Foundation is a separate and distinct entity that will be able to quickly negotiate and develop the health care expertise needed to restore medical services to the Community. ☞

Article by Anthony Eulo, Assistant To The City Manager, 779-7247,
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THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL GENERAL PLAN

Summary of Proposed Update

The City of Morgan Hill General Plan is a twenty-year road map to the future development of our community. The plan sets standards, goals and guidelines in a broad range of important areas, such as:

- Population and Housing
- Commercial and Industrial Growth
- Traffic Circulation
- Fire & Police Services
- Parks & Recreation
- Community Character

The General Plan is being developed through a comprehensive process of community input, led by a task force made up of a cross section of our residents. After a public workshop, the Plan will be submitted and reviewed by the City of Morgan Hill Planning Commission who will make recommendations for modifications and/or approval.

The Morgan Hill City Council will then review the Plan, as well as the recommendations of the Planning Commission, and vote to accept the Plan in its current or modified form.

The exciting part of the process is that you have an opportunity to become involved at any of these stages. Your voice is important in developing a blueprint for a community that creates a positive quality of life for us and for future generations.

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SEE NEXT PAGE FOR
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*“The Morgan Hill General Plan
is the best tool we have in
navigating our future”*

*Councilmember, Hedy Chang,
General Plan Task Force Chair*



Get Involved With The City Of Morgan Hill General Plan Update

HAVE AN OPINION?

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS AT THE
PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

CAN'T ATTEND? YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR
COMMENTS IN WRITING BY MAIL TO:

17555 PEAK AVE., MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

ATTENTION: GENERAL PLAN COMMUNITY INPUT

or by email to: generalplan@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov.



WANT MORE INFORMATION?

You can obtain a full version of the General Plan proposal by contacting the Community Development Department at 779-7247.

Displays showing all proposed land use designations for the City will be available for viewing during the General Plan Community Workshop on April 5, 2001 and at the following locations:

- City Hall, 17555 Peak Avenue
- Morgan Hill Library, 17575 Peak Avenue
- Post Office, 16000 Monterey Road
- Wells Fargo Bank, 17590 Monterey Road
- Bank of America, 101 Vineyard Town Center

You can also visit our website at:
<http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/generalplan.htm>

ATTEND THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND GIVE INPUT

MAY 15, 2001 • 7:00PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND GIVE INPUT

MAY 30, 2001 • 7:00 PM

JUNE 13, 2001 • 7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PLEASE CHECK FOR AN UPDATED SCHEDULE INCLUDING
CHANGES IN DATES AND TIMES BY CALLING 779-7259

THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE LOCATED AT
17555 PEAK AVENUE IN MORGAN HILL

The Oldest Profession In Public Service May Surprise You

Did you know that the City Clerk, along with the Tax Collector, is the oldest profession among public servants? The office of the City Clerk can be traced back to the year 1272 A.D. When the early colonists came to America, they set up forms of local government to which they had been accustomed and the Office of the Clerk was one of the first established.

Utility Bills Increase, Paying Is Easier

The new drive-through utility pay station is open! The new City Hall parking lot was built with your convenience in mind. To drop off your bill, enter through the driveway just west of City Hall, follow the parking lot around to the left, then visit the pay station just before exiting the parking lot.

Customers desiring a receipt, information about their bill, or other personal attention will still need to visit the Finance Department in their new location behind City Hall. ☞



Over the years, municipal clerks have become the hub of government, the direct link between citizens and their government. The City Clerk is the historian of the community for the entire recorded history of the town.

In California, City Clerks are either elected directly by the voters or appointed by either the City Council or City Manager. In Morgan Hill, the City Clerk is elected by registered voters. Whether appointed or elected, the City Clerk is required to accomplish certain duties such as accurately recording all proceedings of the legislative bodies, indexing ordinances and resolutions, publishing new ordinances, serving as City archivist and/or historian, administering Oaths of Office, acting as the filing officer for campaign statements and statements of economic interests, receiving competitive bids for supplies and services, accepting subpoenas, and overseeing local elections.

Your City Clerk and staff are here to assist you. Please feel free to stop by City Hall or call the City Clerk's office at 779-7259 if we can be of assistance to you. ☞

Article by Irma Torrez, City Clerk, 779-7259

Hands On Art For Children



"Spring into Art" this year at the second annual children's hands-on art event "ART ALA CARTE". The event will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 11:00-3:00 p.m. at P.A. Walsh School located at 353 W. Main Street in Morgan Hill. This is a day of hands-on art experiences for children ages 5-10. Children may create as many as 15 different art projects ranging from terra cotta potted plants to shaving cream painted frames. So kids, bring Dad and make Mom a "Mother's Day" gift and create some fun crafts for yourself. You will have a FUNtastic time. Donation is \$2.00 at the door, with lunch and snacks available for an additional cost. For more information contact the Recreation Division at 779-7271. ☞

Article by Teresa Lugg, Recreation Supervisor, 779-7271, luggert@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov

COMMUNITY vent CALENDAR

Art Ala Carte • May 12

Children (5-10 years old) can participate in art workshops, from 11AM -3PM at P.A. Walsh School located at 353 W. Main Street in Morgan Hill. Donation is \$2.00 at the door, with lunch and snacks available for an additional cost. For more information contact the Recreation Division at 779-7271.

Compost Workshop • May 19

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, from 9-11 AM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 299-4147.

Recreation Schedules • May 22

For a free copy of summer recreation activities, call the Morgan Hill Recreation Division at 779-7271. Schedules are available after May 22.

Office Closed • May 28

City offices are closed for Memorial Day. Regular garbage and recycling schedules apply.



City Elected Officials

Mayor <i>Dennis Kennedy</i>	779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore <i>Greg Sellers</i>	778-2370
Councilmember <i>Larry Carr</i>	779-9622
Councilmember <i>Hedy L. Chang</i>	778-0511
Councilmember <i>Steve Tate</i>	779-6992
City Clerk <i>Irma Torrez</i>	779-7259
City Treasurer <i>Michael Roorda</i>	778-3653

City Executive Staff

City Manager <i>J. Edward Tewes</i>
Assistant To The City Manager <i>Melissa Stevenson Dile</i>
Assistant To The City Manager <i>Anthony Eulo</i>
City Attorney <i>Helene L. Leichter</i>
Business Assistance/Housing Services Director <i>Garrett Toy</i>
Community Development Director <i>David Bischoff</i>
Council Services and Records Manager <i>Irma Torrez</i>
Finance Director <i>Jack Dilles</i>
Police Chief <i>Steve Schwab</i>
Public Works Director <i>Jim Ashcraft</i>
Recreation Manager <i>Julie Spier</i>

Contacting Your City

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM
Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Animal Control	776-7300
Building Inspection	779-7241
Business Assistance & Housing Services	776-7373
City Clerk	779-7259
City Manager	779-7271
Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation	779-7271
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278

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Contact The Editor

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